## **Introduced by Assembly Member Conway**

## April 30, 2013

House Resolution No. 15—Relative to National Children's Mental Health Awareness Day.

WHEREAS. The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services

- 2 Administration's (SAMHSA) mission is to reduce the impact of
- 3 substance abuse and mental illness on America's communities;

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- 5 WHEREAS, SAMHSA was established in 1992 and directed
- 6 by the United States Congress to effectively target substance abuse
- 7 and mental health services to the people most in need and to
  - translate research in these areas more effectively and more rapidly
- 9 into the general health care system; and
- WHEREAS, Behavioral health services improve health status and reduce health care and other costs to society; and
- WHEREAS, Continued improvement in the delivery and
- 13 financing of prevention, treatment, and recovery support services
- 14 provides a cost-effective opportunity to advance and protect the
- 15 nation's health; and
  - WHEREAS, Addressing the complex mental health needs of children, youth, and families today is important to the well-being
- 18 of the State of California; and
- 19 WHEREAS, It is appropriate that a day should be set apart to
- 20 direct our thoughts toward our children's mental health and
- 21 well-being; now, therefore, be it
- 22 Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, That the
- 23 Assembly proclaims May 9, 2013, "National Children's Mental

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- 1 Health Awareness Day" in the State of California and urges our
- 2 citizens and all agencies and organizations interested in meeting
- 3 every child's mental health needs to observe exercises that will
- 4 acquaint the people of California with the benefits of a year-round
- 5 program for children and youth with mental health needs and their
- 6 families; and be it further
- 7 Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
- 8 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.